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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Paul Ip

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 2/6/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 19-24 and 26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Andrew S. McConnell on April 25, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 7, delete "and";

line 12, delete "." and insert -- ; and --; and

line 13 insert the following:

wherein the single central column assembly includes a fixed height member defining an upper end, and wherein the support member includes an interior into which the upper end of the fixed height member extends, wherein adjustment in the vertical position of the support member by operation of the height adjustment arrangement of the single central column assembly causes vertical relative movement between the upper end of the fixed height member and the support member within the interior of the support member.

Cancel claims 16-18 and 25.

In claim 21 line 1, delete "claim 16" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 22 line 1, delete "claim 16" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 23 line 1, delete "claim 16" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 26 line 1, delete "claim 25" and insert -- claim 1 --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The amendment filed on 2/6/2006 has been carefully considered in view of the specification and the drawings of this application with respect to the references of the record. The examiner's amendment listed above are patentable distinct from the references of the record. The references of the record either taken alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest a lectern with the single central column assembly includes a fixed height member defining an upper end and the support member includes an interior into which the upper end of the fixed height member extends. The references of the record also fail to teach or suggest a lectern having a first cover member and a second cover member collapse and extend relative to each other upon vertical adjustment of the column.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Ip whose telephone number is (571)-272-1941.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 6:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2833. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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